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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 5089

NAIROBI FOR ASST SECY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR, MILI, UNSC, WA, SF, ZA, PDEV  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SADF TO RETURN ZAMBIAN BUSES

REF: (A) PRETORIA 5050, (B) LUSAKA 3014

1. BRAND FOURIE CALLED AMBASSADOR SCOTT THIS MORNING TO  
SAY THAT THE ZAMBIAN BUSES WERE FOUND NEAR THE SWAPO  
DEFENSE POSITIONS WITHOUT KEYS AND WITHOUT PASSENGERS.  
THEY WERE TOWED ACROSS THE BORDER AND ARE SITTING NEAR  
WENELLA AIRPORT READY TO BE RETURNED TO THE ZAMBIANS.  
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SOME RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS WHICH WERE FOUND STILL IN THEIR  
ORIGINAL CASES NEAR THE BUSES WERE PUT INTO THE BUSES  
AND MAY ALSO BE RETURNED.

2. AFTER BRITISH EMBASSY HAD INFORMED US OF FOREGOING,  
BRAND FOURIE CALLED TO CONVEY SIMILAR REPORT TO US.  
HE SAID THAT WHEN THE SADF HAD COME ACROSS THE TWO

BUSES, THEY THOUGHT THE BUSES EITHER HAD BEEN OR MIGHT BE USED BY SWAPO AND SO TOWED THEM AWAY. SIMILARLY, THEY PICKED UP SOME TYPES OF EQUIPMENT (FOURIE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT) INCLUDING 2 OR 3 RIFLES IN RIFLE BAGS WHICH THEY DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE ON THE SPOT BUT WHICH APPARENTLY DID NOT BELONG TO SWAPO. FOURIE SAID THE ZAMBIANS ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE BUSES AND EQUIPMENT BACK, BUT THE SADF NEEDS TO KNOW WHEN, WHERE, AND TO WHOM THEY SHOULD BE DELIVERED, AS THEY DO NOT THINK IT WISE JUST TO PUSH THEM BACK ACROSS THE BORDER. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED AMBASSADOR SCOTT TO TRY TO OBTAIN THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS FROM THE GRZ. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTING ECKSTEEN TO INFORM MCHENRY OF THIS IN NEW YORK.  
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